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SUMMARY

PURPOSE: To provide a FOIA requester with a fourth set of VENONA translations, explain his judicial review rights, and provide him with a copy of the monograph that will accompany the public release.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Arnold Beichman of the Hoover Institution submitted a FOIA request in December 1992 for "U.S. intercepted encoded Soviet messages...together with their decoded contents," specifically VENONA material originated during 1936-1947. All of the documents were denied in their entirety. Mr. Beichman appealed in July 1993. An interim response was sent to the requester on 31 May 1995 explaining that the documents were undergoing a declassification review. Copies of 49 translations were sent to Mr. Beichman on 10 July 1995, another 259 were sent on 10 October, and 559 were sent on 4 March 1996.

This fourth partial appeal response provides Mr. Beichman with copies of 906 Venona translations which are scheduled to be released to the public on or about 17 July. It also explains his judicial review rights.

Deletions to the documents are made by NSA in accordance with (b)(1), (b)(3)/all statutes, and (b)(6) of the FOIA. For a detailed description of the rationale for withholding information, see tab (Redactions, 4th Release) inside. In addition, a complete listing of the names withheld and released, along with an explanation, can be found inside at tab (Names). The entire list of names is included for completeness because some of the names considered in the previous releases are also at issue in this release. (As we progress in the review of the documents, some names withheld in earlier releases are subsequently determined to be releasable.) A key to understanding which names appeared for the first time in each release is included on page 2 of the list.

Copies of the translations being released to the requester are available for review upon request. They are being held in OGC since they number over 1000 pages. Mr. Beichman will receive those copies concurrent with the public release. (b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend you sign the appeal response.

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